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Tim Buck Attracts Record Crowd

Coming Events

Monday
4:30 p.m.—Film Society, Rm. 142, Med Bldg., "Greed".

Tuesday
8:00 p.m.—WUS International Night. Dr. Johnson speaks on "Middle East Today" accompanied with slides, Wauneita Lounge.

Wednesday
8:15 p.m.—Philosophical Society. Dr. Earle P. Scarlett will speak on "Adam's Dream". Rm. 142 Med Bldg.

Thursday
Regular Square Dancing in Athabasca gym.

Friday
8:00 p.m.—Basketball. Golden Bears vs. University of Saskatchewan.

Johnston To Give 'Middle East' Talk

Third in the series of international nights held this term by the local World University Service group will be an address entitled "The Middle East Today," by Dr. L. P. V. Johnston of the plant science department. The WUS meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Wauneita lounge, Student Union building.

During 1953, Dr. Johnston served for ten months with the United Nations' food and agriculture organization in Syria.

Dr. Johnston's lecture will be illustrated with colored slides. A question period will follow the address.

Psychical Research Sheds No Light On Eternal Life

The findings of psychical research shed no light on the possibility of survival of human beings after death. This was the view stated by Mr. T. M. Penelhum of the department of philosophy before a crowd of more than 70 persons at the Mathematics and Physics club last Thursday. He also pointed out that evidence for eternal survival would require an eternal experiment.

After a review of some of the facts of telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, retrocognition, psychokinesis, and mediumship, Mr. Penelhum criticized the presently used terminology, which prejudices the nature of the phenomena. He commended the present attitude of incredulity towards psychic phenomena, indicating that results established in the face of such disbelief are more likely to be valid.

The meeting was concluded by a lively discussion in which members of the audience related various psychic phenomena with which they were acquainted, and challenged Mr. Penelhum's conclusions.

Crowd Attends House Dance

A fair crowd of 500 attended the men's residence house dance on Friday night in the Athabasca dining hall. Jean Kett and Nate Peterson were winners of the elimination feature dance. Frank McCleavy's orchestra provided the music.

(ED. NOTE—The following is a condensation of the address given Saturday by Tim Buck, national leader of the Labour Progressive party, Saturday in Convocation Hall.)

I should like to thank the Political Science club for giving me this opportunity, to have the privilege of talking about the programme and aims of our party, the Labour Progressive party, and why it is of significance to every Canadian—especially a young Canadian—whether he or she agrees with it or not.

We have reached a stage in our national development to accept some share of responsibility. But sometimes we have been too busy earning a living or making a career to give much attention to Canada. The generation that should be truly Canadian sometimes does not get very much inspiration and still less information about the development of Canada.

"Mr. Buck illustrated this point by referring to a man he had heard speak in Vancouver who seemed to take it for granted that Vancouver had been as it was for a long time."

It could be said without exaggeration that Canada from the Great Lakes westward, everything we see around us which indicates modern civilization and industrial development, has been built in the lifetime of one average man. It is a tremendous achievement. It represents what the people of Canada have produced in one lifetime over and above what they have consumed.

In my opinion there would be good ground for a little more emphasis for the present generation on the potentialities of this province. While Canadians have transformed this half of the continent from a wilderness to one of the most modern states in the world, we of my generation have allowed our country to remain a raw material producing country.

Not only have we allowed that to happen but this trend has increased to a marked extent during the past thirty or forty years, until it has been accepted as the natural and logical destiny of Canada, so that even a member of the government, in the House of Commons of Canada, asked if this would mean a lower standard of living, answered "Nonsense. If we sell enough raw materials abroad we will have enough dollars to buy manufactured goods in the United States."

This is a policy that is bound to make Canada a victim of any economic crisis, for in any threat of a recession, the first thing that manufacturers stop buying is raw material. In 1930 we did not have any cushion to protect us from the collapse of the market for primary products.

To-day the trend has increased. It has increased to such an extent that our exports last year were predominantly raw materials or special types of primary products.

Without wanting to be controversial, I should say that these questions are not being dealt with on their merits, and are of great significance to the men and women who come from the university to make their careers.

During the federal election campaign several rather wild statements were made about the Canadian economy. A cabinet minister said at an election meeting that generally we are selling more in the Commonwealth today than we have ever sold in our history as a nation. But the figures in the Canada Year Book show that our exports to Britain have declined by 18 million dollars, to the rest of the Commonwealth 25



STRONG APPLAUSE greeted the appearance of Mr. Buck and the platform party, and was repeated after the speech. Applause mingled with heckling, occurred at intervals during the question period.

Photo by Stroud.

million dollars and to Europe 93 million dollars.

For many of our exports we demand payment in United States dollars. We should accept payments in pound sterling. The people of Europe have a fair amount of sterling currency. The sterling area is still one of the biggest trading areas in the world and it embraces every kind of climate in the world.

Another minister said that he personally was quite confident from his personal knowledge of the situation that the farmers of western Canada would be able to sell every bushel of wheat they grew this year.

Mr. Saint-Laurent said that there were no political issues in the campaign. But there is a vital question—whether Canada's policy is to continue as it is, turning Canada into a reservoir of raw materials, to the detriment of Canadians in industry.

As Laurier would have said, Canada has the capacity to become a country with all our own developments at least equal to the United States with respect to population.

Could it be done? Of course it could be done! Anybody who has any doubt about the skill of Canada's technicians should read in the report of the Minister of National Defence how Canada, who had never built a destroyer before, learned in three years to build them more cheaply than Britain. . . . Nobody could question the possibilities of Canada or the skills of the chemists and engineers. Life confronts us not only with something to be proud of, but with a challenge.

No young Canadian and no Canadian who is raising a family could be sure of a bright future and a prosperous future unless the future of Canada is itself bright and prosperous.

More than eight per cent of the labour force is unemployed. Economists of the Labour department say that the danger point is eight per cent. According to that we are at the danger point, but the department has changed its danger point in the meantime so that it is no longer eight per cent. But eight per cent unemployed is still eight per cent.

It would be wrong for me to say

Mr. Tim Buck, national leader of the Labor-Progressive party, delivered a speech Saturday morning to about a thousand students in Convocation hall.

Mr. Buck's topic was the economic development of Canada. (A condensed version of his speech appears elsewhere on this page.) After the talk, a number of questions were asked by members of the audience.

In response to the first question, Mr. Buck denied the charge that his party advocated building up Canada's steel industry to influence the market in Europe. He pointed out that Canada, in spite of her iron and coal resources, still had to import steel, and added that the money spent on purchasing foreign steel last

year, 14 million dollars, would have built a respectable industry in Canada.

In response to a question about investment conditions in the oil industry in Canada, Mr. Buck felt that American capital had promoted the development of the industry and alleged that about half of the capital invested in oil was American. He quoted a statement by an American oil executive to show that this gave the United States great control over the Canadian industry.

Steel Expansion

The next questioner alleged that the expansion in the steel industry in Canada had been the largest in the world in the last few years and also that no iron ore had been shipped from Ungava out of the country. Mr. Buck responded by pointing out that until the fall of 1950, the policy of the government had been to discourage any expansion in the steel industry; at that time, the policy of the government changed and emergency loans had been made to expand the industry. The result had not been to create new developments but merely increase existing facilities. It was true that no iron ore had been shipped out of Ungava. The railroad being built for the purpose by the government had not yet been completed.

Another questioner, arguing that we should attempt more economic cooperation with other nations, said that the provisions for national self-sufficiency Mr. Buck had mentioned reminded him of what another speaker had said 20 years ago about economic independence of foreign states. "That man was Hitler."

Honest Parallel

Mr. Buck said, "The best answer is to ask everyone here to ask himself, is there an honest parallel between what Hitler advocated and what I said?" Taking from his pocket a sheaf of clippings, Mr. Buck quoted an editorial from the Winnipeg Free Press which gave an account of his forthcoming speech here and proceeded to misrepresent what he and his party stood for, suggesting that an "import" should be brought in from the Kremlin. He asserted that the editorial policy of Canadian newspapers displayed "almost complete unity" in describing the Labor-Progressive party as not interested in Canadian affairs.

He declared that the Labor-Progressive party platform was based firmly on the interests of Canada and concluded, "I am prepared to let history judge, not somebody who uses the shade of Hitler."

World Trade

A final questioner asked how the building up of Canadian industry, which would make her less dependent upon importation of finished industrial products, would further world trade. Mr. Buck answered by pointing out that the most highly industrialized nations in the world were also the ones that carried on the bulk of the world's trade. He expressed confidence that the economic development of Canada would not lessen her foreign trade but expand it. He suggested that "tremendous possibilities" would be realized by stepping up trade with Great Britain, the Commonwealth, and the socialist area of the world.

Acting President W. F. Bowker, dean of the faculty of law, introduced Mr. Buck.

Grace Kasper, president of the Political Science club, which sponsored Mr. Buck's appearance, was chairman of the meeting.

Philsoc To Hear Dr. Scarlett

Next meeting of the University of Alberta Philosophical society will hear an address by Dr. Earle P. Scarlett, chancellor of the university, entitled "Adam's Dream."

What this interesting topic covers has not yet been disclosed.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 8:15 p.m. in the amphitheatre, room 142, Medical building.

Non-members will be charged 25c admission.

Exchange Plan To Waive Fees

A tuition-free year at another Canadian university is now being offered to successful applicants under the NFCUS interregional study exchange plan. Application forms are obtainable at the Registrar's office and should be sent to the Students Union office c/o Bob Dinkel. Deadline is Feb. 15.

The exchange is limited to students in their second-last year. A local selection committee selects successful candidates.

Most large universities place no restriction on the number of candidates they will accept.

that development of finished manufactures would remedy that. But we are most dependent economically on other countries.

Another question, is the question of opportunity. Opportunities for careers are found in the great urban centres that grow up around manufacturing industries. In every industrial modern state the volume of opportunity for its people is related directly to the level of its manufacturing industry, and the extent to which it is developed on an all-round basis. Ours is not developed on an all-round basis.

The Labour Progressive party is not opposed to exports of raw materials. To-day Canada must sell raw materials, as much as possible. What the Labour Progressive party works against are the policies which make it possible for monopoly to come into Canada and with relatively small investment secure complete ownership of the land that contains the resources on terms which exclude the possibility of great basic industries in Canada to process these materials.

This is not entirely accidental. An article I wrote in the Canadian Affairs journal comments on an article by an American writer. He said that the United States was running short of raw materials. Canada had all the raw materials they needed. But unless United

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Thought Chains

It is rather a sad thing that when people start to live according to habit, they soon begin to think in habits. Thought associations automatically form and are assumed to be correct without further examination. Even in a thinking society such as a university is supposed to be, people can fall heir to fashionable thought chains.

Some of the many prevalent on our own campus are worth noting here.

LPP

The attempts to fly a Russian flag above the Arts building the night before Mr. Buck gave his address and the successful attempt which resulted in the flag being hoisted Saturday afternoon gives a good example of a current thought fad. It goes, LPP—Communists—Russians. As Mr. Buck pointed out, it bears reconsideration.

Nationalism

Mr. Buck's speech provides an example of the rapidity with which thought chains form. Although the questioner who attacked Mr. Buck's nationalistic stand may not have intended initiating a chain, it was formed with electrifying speed. Nationalism—Hitler—Buck.

VGW

Another series of thoughts that are presently being welded together to form a chain, concern this campus' biggest public relations project of the year. It provides not only a time for the general public to learn more about the university, but also provides an ideal opportunity for the individual student to learn more about the campus. However, despite the opportunity offered by varsity guest weekend, we are sure this lackadaisical chain will form: "Varsity guest weekend—classes cancelled—time to go home."

XYZ

A well-known union of students is sponsoring a number of scholarship exchanges. These provide for a student in his second last year to attend another university in Canada, other than the one at which he is currently registered, fee free. These scholarships are available to Alberta students and should be applied for by February 15. The chain, if not yet formed, should be formed immediately. It reads XYZ—something worth looking into—NFCUS exchange.

U of A

This chain is somewhat longer than the ones aforementioned. It is cyclical and goes: People at universities think—U of A is a university—I attend U of A—I am a person—I think, and so on and on.—B.L.E.

'Varsity' Publishes Gag Issue

A recent edition of The Varsity at the University of Toronto had a banner at the bottom of the page reading "Take this with a grain of salt and a smile". The warning was necessary.

The gag edition announced that Mary Lynn Manrow was appointed new Public Relations Director by the Students Council. This was part of the latest drive on the part of the university to "ring" one million dollars from the city administration.

The students Council seemed to feel that her gold-digging abilities would be useful under the circumstances.

Another story headlined that all varsity students would be investigated by the American consul general for sympathy to subversive organizations. The consul is reported to have stated "We will weed out these sympathizers even if we have to investigate every Progressive Conservative on your campus."

Witless Wisdom

By Raymond Peter Hegion

WRITTEN BY "A"

When I started writing columns
They came to me an' tole,
That I had to write my essays,
On the campus as a hole.

To achieve a universal
Was to be my every goal,
So I tried each week to picture
The campus as a hole.

But this was not successful
As an outline action planned.
For as a hole this topic deep
Is hard to understand.

And so, with mountain anger,
I would climb to greater heights,
And write a medieval piece
On Ladies and their Nights.

But that was not the secret
So eye changed my views once more.
For Varsity is like a house,
The campus is the floor.

More Employers To Visit Campus

Mr. Whiteside of the Municipal District of Stony Plain will be on the Campus at the students employment office in Hut "H" on Wednesday, the 10th of February to interview undergraduate agriculture students for the position of Assessor. Please call at the Employment Office to make interview appointments.

Undergraduate Civil Engineering appointments are now being taken for interviews with the City of Edmonton for summer employment.

Notice Board

UNWIN TO DIRECT "VARIETIES OF '54"

The Edmonton Recreation commission's sixth annual variety show is to be staged this year Feb. 15-21 in Victoria Composite High School auditorium, show officials announced recently.

The two-act musical, directed by Jack Unwin, is entitled "Varieties of '54." Tickets for the event will be on sale this week at Heintzman's, and later at the door if any are left.

SINCLAIR TO ADDRESS C.C.F. STUDY GROUP

Elaine Sinclair, education 3, will address the next meeting of the CCF study group on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Students Union building. Her topic will be the relationship between the CCF party and labor. She will trace the history of political action under the labor unions and develop the reasons why labor feels it can support no other political party than the CCF.

VCF GROUP TO HEAR PAUL CURRIE

Paul Currie, B. A., B.Th. will be guest speaker at the regular V.C.F. meeting, Wed. Feb. 10 at 4:30 in Room 111 Arts. The topic he has chosen is: "What Do You Believe?"

ARTS AND SCIENCE CLUB TO HOLD BANQUET

Club officials have announced that the Arts and Science club is sponsoring a faculty banquet and dance this year after an absence of several years.

Both the banquet and the dance will be held in the new banquet room of the Seven Seas on February 23rd.

Tickets can be obtained from any member of the club executive.

Buck Speech

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States interests took possession, Canada would start to build a new industry of her own that would render the entire steel industry in the United States obsolete within ten years. Liquidation of the textile and automobile industries in Canada were necessary. There might even be economic chaos in Canada for a short time, and it would be necessary to protect Canadian workers and professional men from the resulting unemployment. But in the long run it would enrich North America.

What is the matter with the public men that they do not react to this? The answer is that all too many of the public men have accepted it. Some believe it would be wrong for Canada to compete with the United States. Others believe that the traditional markets in the British empire are dead. The only place we can get money for our development is from the United States.

But it is not true to say that Canada must get capital from the United States for our own development. In 1952, 74 per cent of all new capital investment was invested by Canadians, only 15 per cent by the United States.

But the United States, far from putting money in for the development of Canada, used her money to buy up control of industries already established. Very little was spent in making Canada economically stronger. We cannot expect



A RED RUSSIAN FLAG with gold star, hammer and sickle was the only outward sign of protest exhibited in conjunction with Mr. Buck's speech. The flag was reportedly hung by three engineers and a geologist. It was taken down by members of the law faculty. It fluttered listlessly in the afternoon breeze for about three-quarters of an hour.

Photo by Stroud.

Interview

'Canada First' Says Buck

The very quiet spoken, calmly mannered Tim Buck, or "just Tim", in a recent interview with The Gateway displayed simply his working man's hands, his tawny features and a struggle in speech for correct grammar.

Q. Many electors were surprised to see the LPP slogan, "Canada First" appear for the party in the recent Federal election. Most had thought that the party represented a more strongly international position. On what basis was the slogan used?

A. The slogan was a development of thoughts which had long been part of the party platform as seen in the LPP party report to the Rowell Sirois commission and "Canada, the Communist Viewpoint", a book I wrote myself six years ago. The history of the party has always been based on broad and general terms which have emphasized universal conceptions. However, in the last ten years the issue of the immediate situation has become very clear. The entire slogan was "Canada first—Stop US Domination". Is Canada to develop as she could or is she to be merely a reservoir of raw materials for the United States industry which is already developed?

At present Canada is being sacrificed to the ideal of the integration of North America. If the desire to develop Canada to the extent of her possibilities can be termed nationalism, then we are nationalistic. We do not mean that Canada should develop at the expense of other countries, that would be chauvinism but neither should she be used by others. There is nothing to deplore in a pride in one's traditions or a genuine love of the home country.

Q. What is your opinion of the present trend in Canadian-U.S. Trade relation?

A. If the present policy of sacrificing world-wide trade to trade with the United States is continued, it is a very serious matter indeed. This increased dependence on one market is the antithesis of Canadian good.

Trade and economic relations if conducted according to the Abbot Plan would be bound to operate against Canada. We cannot afford to remain merely a source of raw materials.

Q. What is the policy of your party concerning immigration?

A. Immigration should be very free. At present we are bringing in immigrants at the Atlantic coast to replace young Canadians who have gone to the United States in search of greater opportunities. It would be possible to build Canada more rapidly by increasing the opportunities within our country. It will be noted that during the period of Canada's greatest prosperity from 1919-29, 600,000 Canadians became American citizens.

Q. What do you think could be accomplished by carrying out the NFCUS proposal for Russian-Canadian Students exchange?

A. Any genuine cultural exchange is good. Even if the two student groups found that they couldn't get long, they would know why. A present Canadian students don't even know this.

Q. What is your opinion of Federal education grants?

A. The LPP advocates much greater federal responsibility for Education—not to take control from the provinces, but to realize the difference in slovenly between the provinces. Our proposal to the federal government would not only increase the grants to approximately fifty per cent of the cost of education, but would involve an increased scholarship and exchange expenditure for students . . . especially the more need ones.

Q. Where does the LPP party get its campaign funds? Last federal election more LPP candidates ran than SC candidates.

A. Each member of the party is given a quota to raise. In the small group of which I am a member there are seven people: three are housewives, and their husbands also belong and are committed to the party. This group pledged themselves to raise \$500 for the last election.

The best campaigning we do is in meeting the people to collect the campaign funds. We will accept donation (large or small) from any donor.

capitalists of another country to develop industry in Canada in competition with their own industry. They buy raw material strikes. I should point out—I know it is nasty—that a great many advertisements in various American papers calling for engineers to work in Canada always specify that they must be American citizens.

In conclusion: the national programme of the Labour Progressive party is based entirely on these facts and the conclusion drawn from them. Un-

less we develop our tremendous possibilities in Canada and as Canadians, the inevitable trend will be for Canada to become in fact as in word a dependency of the United States, economically and politically.

I personally do not want that to happen with any country. I am Canadian . . . raising a family whose future depends upon Canada. You future depend upon Canada also. Do the best you can to ensure that Canada enjoys prosperity and becomes great as you become happy.